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"CRUSH THEM! MAKE THEM SUFFER!"

GENERAL GRIEVOUS

First sighted during the Battle of Geonosis, Separatist commander General Grievous' personal starfighter was a sleek, gunmetal grey modified Belbullab-22 fighter that the cyborg tactician considered to be the future of warfare. Already tougher than the droid fighters of the Separatist fleet, Grievous ensured that his ship was shielded and armoured far beyond its original specifications. The result was nearly indestructible, and even outlived its owner.

# THE *SOULLESS ONE*

## GENERAL GRIEVOUS' MODIFIED BELBULLAB-22 HEAVY ASSAULT STARFIGHTER

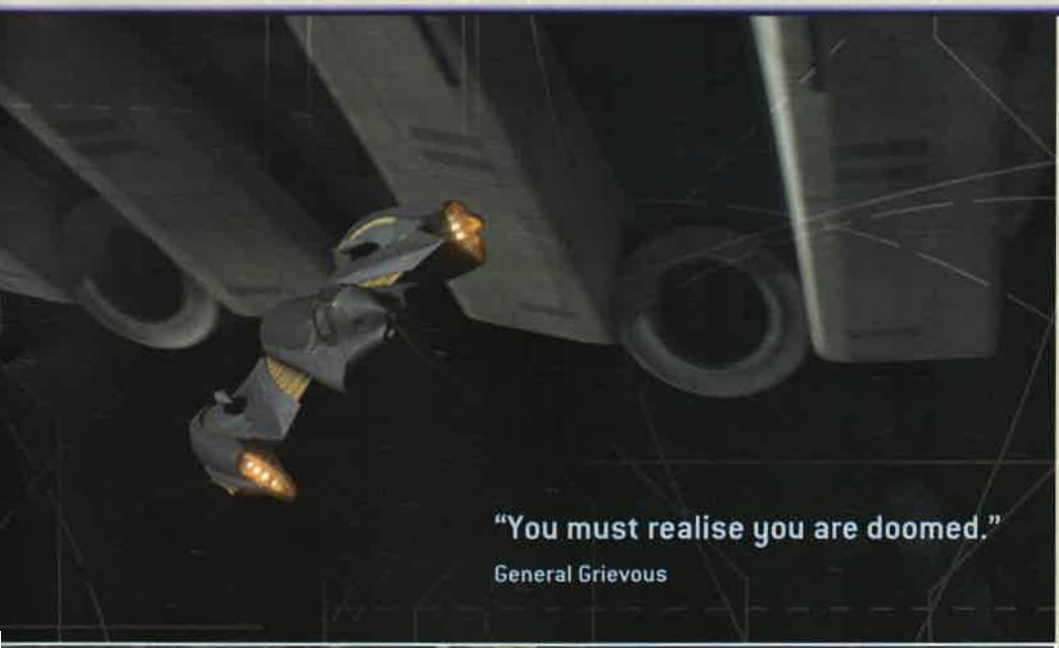
**During the Battle of Geonosis, a squad of Republic Commandos spotted a single starfighter escaping the fighting. This was the first recorded sighting of a vessel that, along with its pilot, would become one of the most sought after and feared of the Clone Wars.**

Denied the opportunity to take command of the droid armies on Geonosis, Grievous could only watch in frustration as the Republic ran riot and the disparate Separatist commanders made one mistake after another. As it quickly became clear the Republic was winning, Grievous used his starfighter to escape from the planet. This established a pattern, as the cyborg general was to use his ship, the *Soulless One*, more as an escape vehicle than for its primary design function – that of a starfighter.

### Fighter of the Future

Built by Feethan Ottraw Scalable Assemblies, specialists in creating fully automated and self-assembling autonomous armament factories, the Belbullab-22 starfighter was bigger and heavier than the droid fighters in the Separatist fleets. The fighter was designed for a single organic pilot, not a droid. With his hatred of battle droids, Grievous considered the tougher Belbullab-22 to be the future of space warfare.

The production standard weaponry consisted of two banks of forward-firing triple laser cannon. These rapid-fire cannon could deliver a withering level of fire equivalent to the Republic's V-wing starfighters. The Separatists took advantage of the fighter's easy adaptability by adding a proton bomb launcher, turning a heavy assault fighter into a powerful fighter-bomber.



Double the size of the Republic's new Y-wing fighter bombers, the Belbullab-22 was no lumbering giant. It had two powerful ion drives and lateral thruster ducts in the main engines gave the fighter surprising agility, further enhanced by a rear-mounted thrust vectoring fin.

### Grievous' Own

An astoundingly good combatant on the ground, Grievous knew that he could not match the likes of a Jedi starfighter pilot. As a result, the *Soulless One* was retrofitted with the best shielding system that could be made and coated with a thin layer of impervium, an exorbitantly expensive alloy. In combination with the ship's shields, this made Grievous' ship nearly impervious to all but the most concentrated weapons fire.

Two further modifications were made to the starfighter, enabling Grievous to operate with the independence he needed as the supreme commander of the Separatist droid armies. A top-of-the-line hyperdrive was installed to turn the starfighter into a personal shuttle, with an equally compact and powerful Holonet transceiver,

# NOWHERE TO HIDE

## THE DEATH OF GENERAL GRIEVOUS

**During the Battle of Coruscant, General Grievous had managed to kidnap Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. However, while escaping Coruscant, the General was injured by Mace Windu. Returning to Utapau on Darth Sidious's orders, Grievous had no time to heal.**

Grievous's ship, *Soulless One*, rested on a small private landing pad – a handy escape option should the need arise. The Separatist leadership was hiding on Utapau, and Grievous had been ordered by his master to move them to Mustafar. Even as Grievous was arguing with the senior delegates, Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi was eavesdropping on the fractious meeting.

### The Duel

When the grumbling Separatists were led away, Obi-Wan dropped down from hiding and confronted the droid army commander, destroying his MagnaGuards. The arrogant cyborg called off the other battle droids and, brandishing no less than four lightsabers, engaged Kenobi in single combat. Obi-Wan lopped off two of Grievous' hands before the general

retreated to his wheel bike and escaped. Kenobi followed to where *Soulless One* waited.

### A Battle of Wits

Grievous used his superior strength to batter Kenobi, who had lost his lightsaber in the chase. But Obi-Wan was able to wrench open Grievous' chest armour, revealing the organ sac beneath. Kenobi was thrown, half-dazed, across the landing pad – clinging onto the edge of the platform, he called Grievous' blaster towards him using the Force. A shot at the cyborg blasted the exposed organ sac and killed the General.

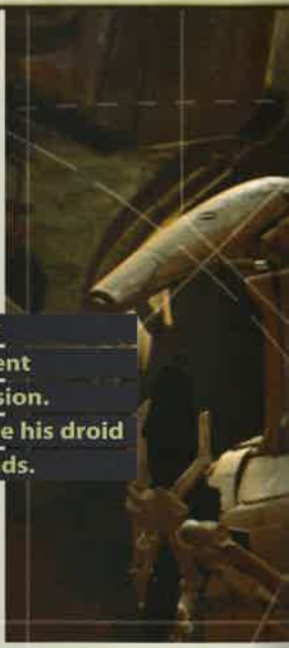
Obi-Wan was able to take his fallen opponent's starfighter and escape Utapau. He used the ship's powerful communications gear to broadcast a message for help, then joined Bail Organa and Yoda aboard the *Tantive IV*, where Grievous's ship remained. Later, bearing the newborn Luke Skywalker, Kenobi flew the craft to Nar Shaddaa where he sold it for passage to Tatooine. Eventually, the craft was impounded by Imperial authorities and shipped back to Utapau, where it remained in storage until it was stolen by 'independent operatives' and spirited away.

**"Back away! I will deal with this Jedi scum myself."**

**General Grievous**

# IG-100 SERIES

## GRIEVOUS' ELITE MAGNAGUARD



**General Grievous, despite being in command of the mechanised forces of the Confederacy of Independent Systems, hated battle droids with a destructive passion. Understanding this gives a hint as to how impressive his droid MagnaGuards were to survive their master's demands.**

Qymaen jai Sheelal was a powerful warlord on the planet of Kalee, who drove the Huk invaders from his world with the help of his elite Izvoshra bodyguards. The Huk called for the assistance of the Republic, whose Jedi forced an end to the war, leaving the Kaleesh people to starve. Sheelal changed his name to Grievous, and under this name became an enforcer for the InterGalactic Banking Clan. However, the Clan refused Grievous' demand that he keep his loyal Izvoshra. Instead, his employers commissioned a new type of guard – the IG-100 MagnaGuard. Before they were delivered, Grievous, who could take no more of the injustice forced on his people by the Jedi, gathered his Izvoshra and boarded a shuttle to return to Kalee.

### Death and Rebirth

Grievous was betrayed by his employers, however. They blew up the shuttle, killing his loyal guards and all but destroying Grievous. The Separatists reconstructed his broken body as a cyborg, to be a commander in their forces. Grievous hated droids, and bitterly resented being regarded as one of them. He slaughtered all the guards present at his 'resurrection' and immediately began making changes to the MagnaGuards.

### Exacting Standards

The MagnaGuard operational parameters had been established by Count Dooku, who wanted a droid warrior that would meet Grievous' demanding standards. The IG-100 series Self-Motivating Heuristically Programmed Combat Droid, or MagnaGuard, was developed by Holowan Mechanicals and programmed in numerous combat forms, but Grievous ordered the droids' memories to be blanked of all such programming. As Count Dooku trained Grievous in the Jedi fighting arts, so Grievous taught the MagnaGuards all that he knew. The results were terrifyingly effective.

Grievous ordered the MagnaGuards dressed in Kaleesh cloaks and headwraps, in tribute to his loyal Izvoshra.

PROFILE

**IG-100**

**Height**
1.95 metres

**Manufacturer**
Holowan Mechanicals

**Weapon**
Electrostaff, Missile launchers

The fourth moon of the planet Parein II was to see the first real test of the MagnaGuards. Republic forces, led by Jedi General Sannen, were utterly crushed by General Grievous who led his troops from the front. Sannen bravely tried to tackle the cyborg directly, but didn't get the chance to engage the general. Instead, he was stabbed through the throat by a MagnaGuard's electrostaff. It wasn't long before the MagnaGuards became as feared as their master.

The effectiveness of the guards was undoubtedly down to Grievous' training as well as their weapons. The fearsome droids rarely worked alone. Usually there were two or three, with one or two engaging a Jedi foe while the other waited for an opportunity to strike them down. Grievous' training regime was tough on the droids, which picked up dents and scarring. The cunning Grievous would not allow these 'injuries' to be repaired, as the battle-scarred look added to the ominous appearance of the droids.

### Armed For Battle

The electrostaff was the standard weapon of the MagnaGuard, and complemented their training in the seven classic forms of lightsaber combat. Made of phrik metal, the staff could resist lightsaber attacks – something that fatally caught many Jedi by surprise. The guards were

**"Remember what you were saying about 'worse than Destroyers'? I think we're looking at them."**

**Anakin Skywalker**

## Did You Know?

**At the end of the Clone Wars, when the Separatist leaders were killed by Darth Vader, the Emperor ordered the remote deactivation of all MagnaGuards. Their usefulness was at an end.**

known to carry other weapons, particularly for ranged combat, with a preference for the dramatically explosive. There were a large number of MagnaGuard variants in many colours, mounting a variety of integrated equipment. This included missile launchers, tow-cables, magnetised or extendable limbs, and even personal cloaking devices. This added to the unease and fear Republic forces felt on engaging them.

Though the Jedi and elite clone troops gained in experience, learning specific tactics and combat forms to deal with the MagnaGuards, their effectiveness was never in doubt. Count Dooku used MagnaGuards as his own personal bodyguard. When Grievous kidnapped Chancellor Palpatine on Coruscant, he took a force of MagnaGuards with him to distract any Jedi during his escape.

### Veteran Soldiers

Throughout the Clone Wars, the MagnaGuards that survived learned from their combat experiences, building on Grievous's training and becoming veterans in their own right. The droids were incredibly resistant to damage. Though their systems usually shorted out from the damage, additional processing centres and a photoreceptor in their chest meant that the droids could sometimes fight on even after being decapitated. Another nasty surprise!

# UT-AT

## UNSTABLE TERRAIN ARTILLERY TRANSPORT

**Kuat Drive Yards, manufacturers of the All Terrain Tactical Enforcer, were forced to rethink the 'AT' side of their battlefield armour after the disastrous failure of the walkers during the Battle of Agamar in the Clone Wars. It was clear that heavy walkers and light bridges were not a good combination...**

On unstable terrain, ice or shifting sand, the Republic's walkers were useless as artillery platforms, as was shown on Agamar, where collapsing bridges all but wiped out the Republic's forces. One solution was the use of repulsorlifts. To build such vessels, Kuat joined with the privately owned Mekuun Corporation which built heavy repulsorlift vehicles such as the High-Altitude Entry Transport-221 assault gunboat. Together, the companies produced the UT-AT – a devastating repulsorlift tank.

### The Trident

At 23.8 metres, the Unstable Terrain Artillery Transport was longer than the AT-TE with more weapons. A single heavy anti-infantry laser cannon sat in the middle of the vehicle, with two medium laser cannon on either side, earning the tank the nickname of 'Trident'. The main weapons were controlled by the gunner who sat in the cockpit with the pilot. The forward section could also transport 20 additional troops. Less conspicuous than the main weapons, the UT-AT mounted numerous bomblet generators which could blanket droid armies in a devastating storm of charged ions. In the heavily armoured rear section of the vehicle, four anti-infantry laser turrets protected the UT-AT's exposed underside.

### A Necessary Vulnerability

The UT-AT rested on a repulsorlift field created by 16 'skis' which shifted to maintain stability. Four repulsorlift plates under the troop section took care of the propulsion of the vehicle, and these could also be reversed to clamp the vehicle to the terrain, giving rock-solid stability when firing and allowing the vehicle to climb sheer surfaces.

But the tank was still vulnerable to explosives, and although it was a devastating weapon, it suffered huge losses in battles on Cato Neimoidia and Mygeeto.

## The UT-AT PROFILE

**Type**
Armoured repulsorlift transport

**Length**
23.8 metres

**Manufacturers**
KDY / Mekuun

**Weapons**
Heavy laser cannon, two medium laser cannons, four anti-infantry laser turrets

**Affiliation**
Galactic Republic, clone troopers

# GENERAL GRIEVOUS' STARFIGHTER: *SOULLESS ONE*

## MODIFIED BELBULLAB-22 HEAVY ASSAULT STARFIGHTER

**The Feethan Ottraw Scalable Assemblies' Belbullab-22 starfighter was modified to General Grievous' specifications. Heavily armoured and fitted with a hyperdrive and advanced communications gear, it became his personal shuttle. It was very rarely used in combat, and spent much of the last year of the Clone Wars on Utapau.**

# GENERAL GRIEVOUS' STARFIGHTER: *SOULLESS ONE*

**Type**
Modified Belbullab-22 heavy assault starfighter

**Size**
6.71m long

**Manufacturer**
Feethan Ottraw Scalable Assemblies

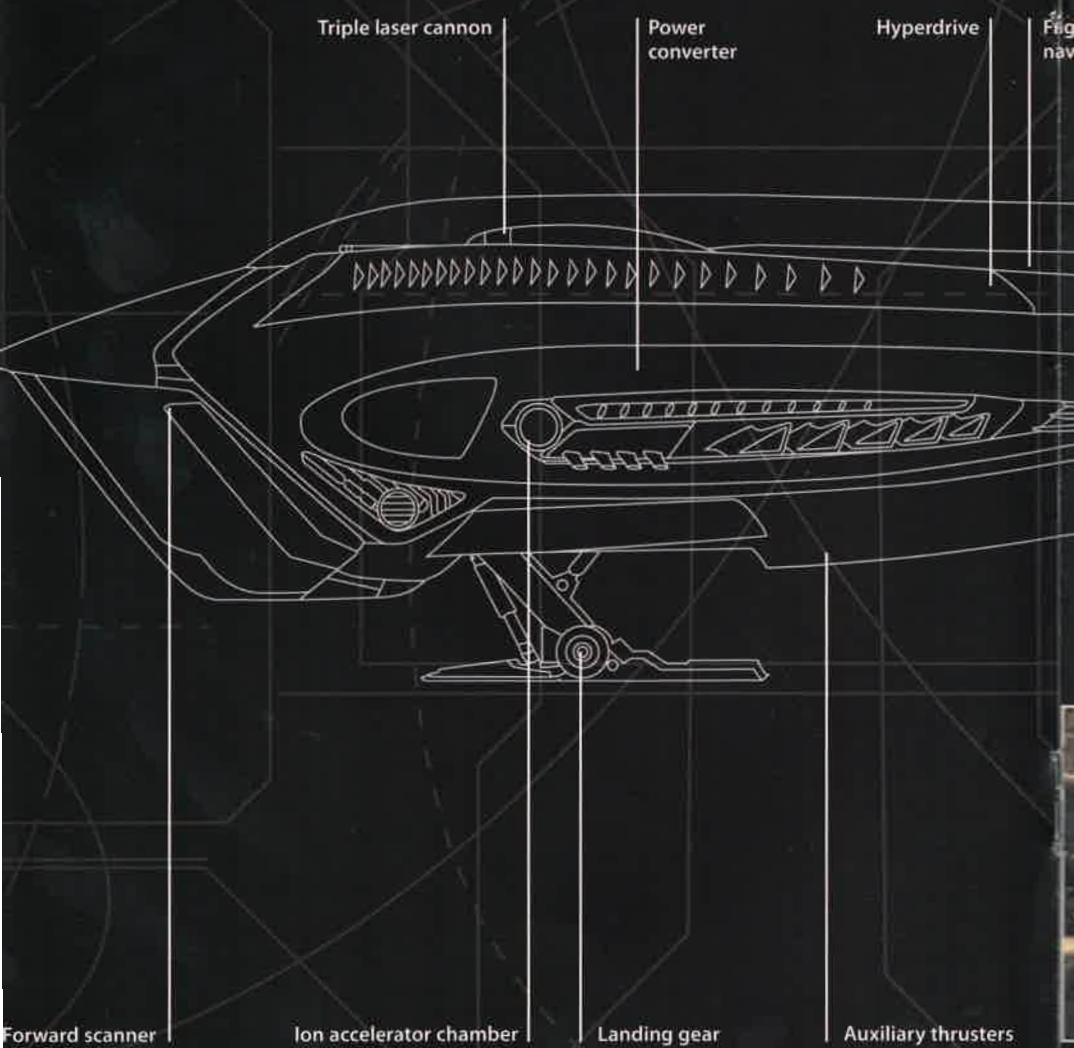
**Weapons**
2 banks of triple rapid-fire laser cannons, 1x proton bomb launcher

**Propulsion**
Twin advanced ion drives

**Hyperdrive**
Class 0.4

**Crew**
1 Pilot

**Affiliation**
Confederacy of Independent Systems, Galactic Empire, Rebel Alliance/ Independent


Triple laser cannon
Power converter
Hyperdrive
Forward scanner
Ion accelerator chamber
Landing gear
Auxiliary thrusters

Although an excellent strategist and a terrifyingly powerful c
Grievous did not often use his starfighter for actual combat. C
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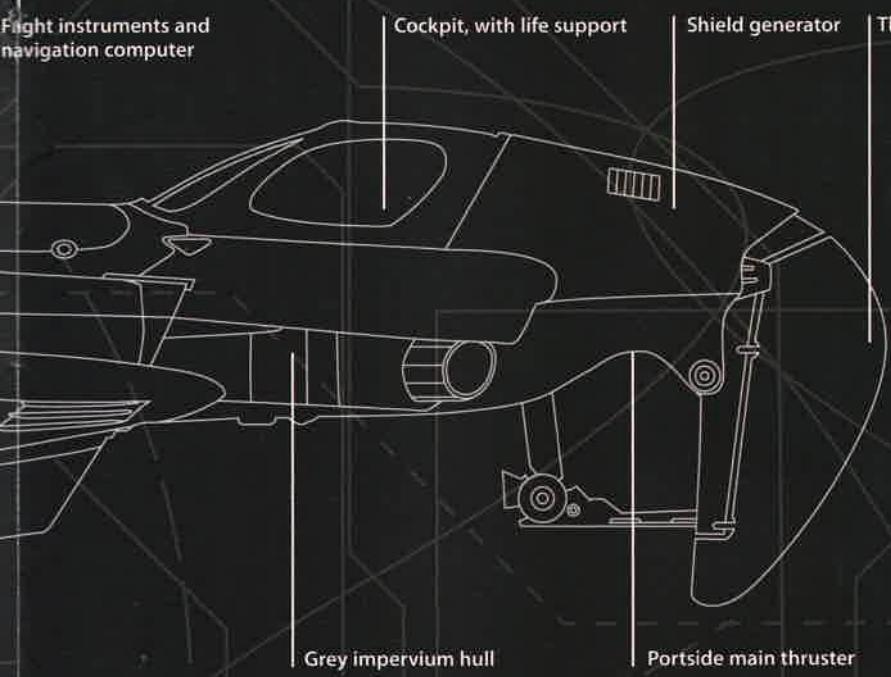

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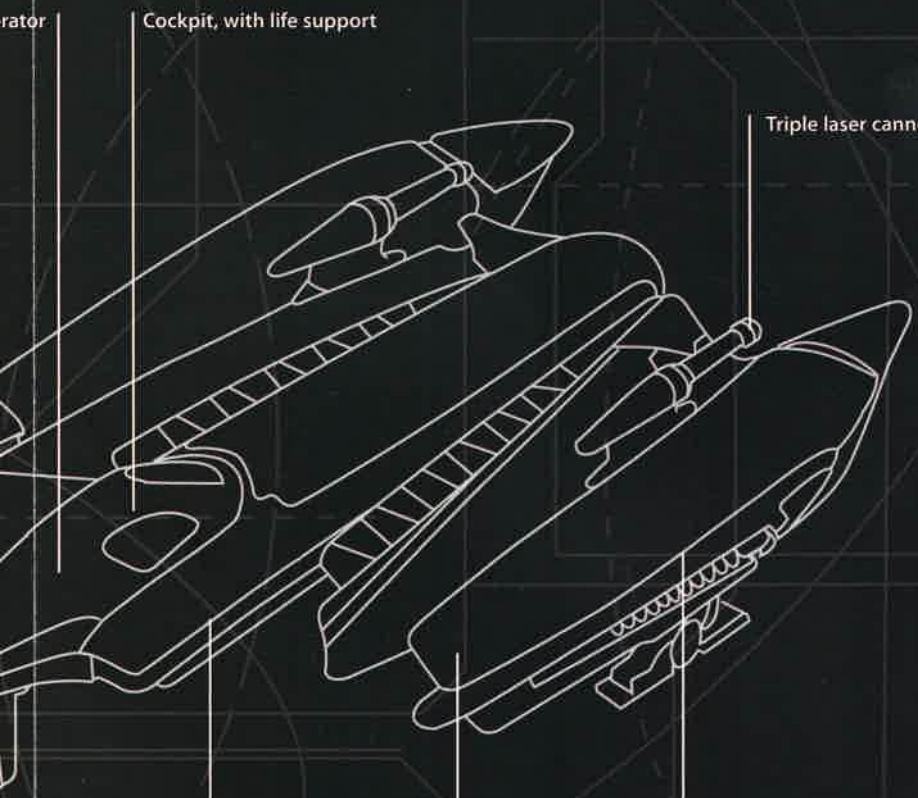
On one rare occasion to the contrary,
s battered freighter *Twilight*, only to
*ence*, crashed into a moon.

### IG-100 Wingmen

While General Grievous himself was a reluctant starfighter combatant, he ensured that he was flanked by his bodyguards even when in space. Specially trained IG-100 MagnaGuards flew modified Utapaun Porax-38 starfighters in Grievous' service. A number of these fighters engaged Anakin Skywalker and his apprentice over Tatooine, with the Jedi emerging victorious – but only just.



# TION MEDON

## ARISTOCRATIC PAU'AN PORT ADMINISTRATOR

**Fate can play cruel tricks on the gentlest souls. Tion Medon, despite his fearsome appearance to outsiders, was a peace-loving administrator who wanted only to see his people and planet kept out of the Clone Wars. Unfortunately, this was not to be.**

Already several centuries old at the outbreak of the Clone Wars, Tion Medon had been Port Administrator at Pau City for more than 200 years. Over two metres tall, the thin, grey-skinned Medon is typical of his species. The Pau'ans were a long-lived species, dubbed the 'Ancients' by many. Though their heavily-lined skin appeared thick and tough, Pau'ans were sensitive to sunlight so preferred darkness. As a result of dwelling in the shadows, Pau'an eyes were black. Their diet of mostly raw meat had given the Pau'ans sharp, fang-like teeth.

### Grievous Intent

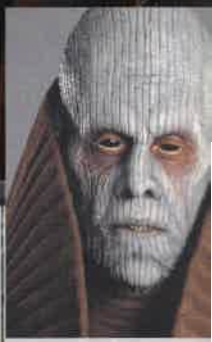
Despite being considered frightening, the Pau'ans were peaceful and welcoming, if rather formal. After living in peaceful near-obscurity for so long, Tion Medon and his people were unprepared for the brutality of General Grievous. It had been decided to hide the Separatist leadership on Utapau, and Grievous was not willing to bow to the contrary wishes of the Utapauan Committee. He killed them all as Tion Medon watched in horror. Medon was left with no choice but to agree to Grievous' demands, and a small Separatist base was established in his city.

### Jedi Rescuer?

In the closing weeks of the Clone Wars, Obi-Wan Kenobi visited Pau City, following a lead that General Grievous had been seen there. Openly and loudly telling Obi-Wan there was no war on Utapau unless he'd brought it with him, Medon whispered to Kenobi that Grievous was there and that his people were hostages. Secretly fostering rebellion against the Separatists, Tion hoped Kenobi would help. He did, and Republic forces, with the help of the Utapauan warriors and pilots that Tion Medon had helped to conceal, drove the Separatists from the planet.

"He is here! We are being held hostage. They are watching us."

Tion Medon



PROFILE

Tion Medon

**Homeworld**
Utapau

**Species**
Pau'an

**Height**
2.06m

**Gender**
Male

## The Struggle Continues

If Tion Medon, accidental leader of his world, had hoped that his planet would be freed with the removal of the Separatists, he was to be bitterly disappointed. Order 66 saw the clone troops rally to the Empire, and Utapau was occupied immediately. The resistance was rounded up, with Tion Medon amongst them.

# UTAPAU

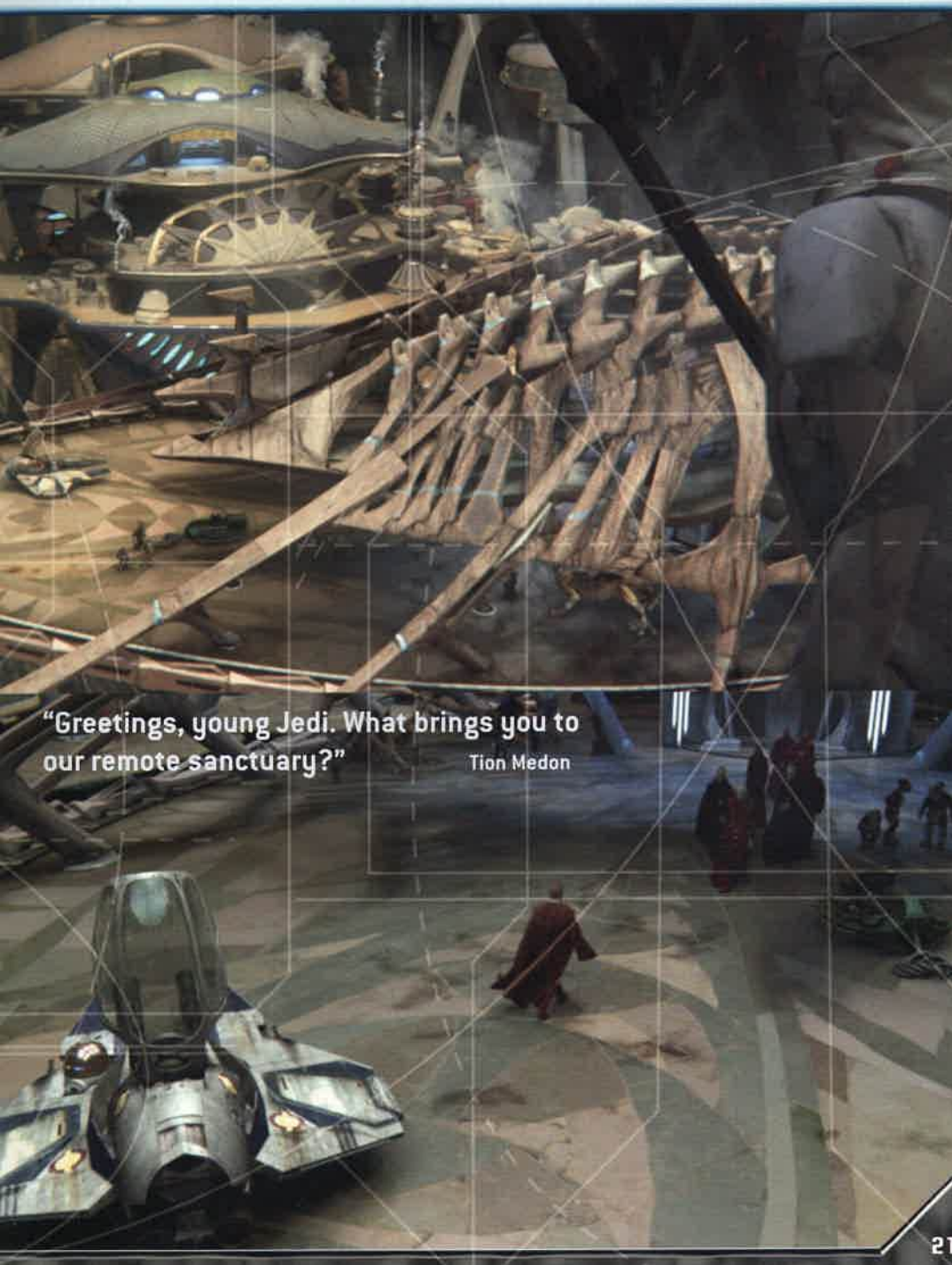
## A SYMBIOTIC SOCIETY

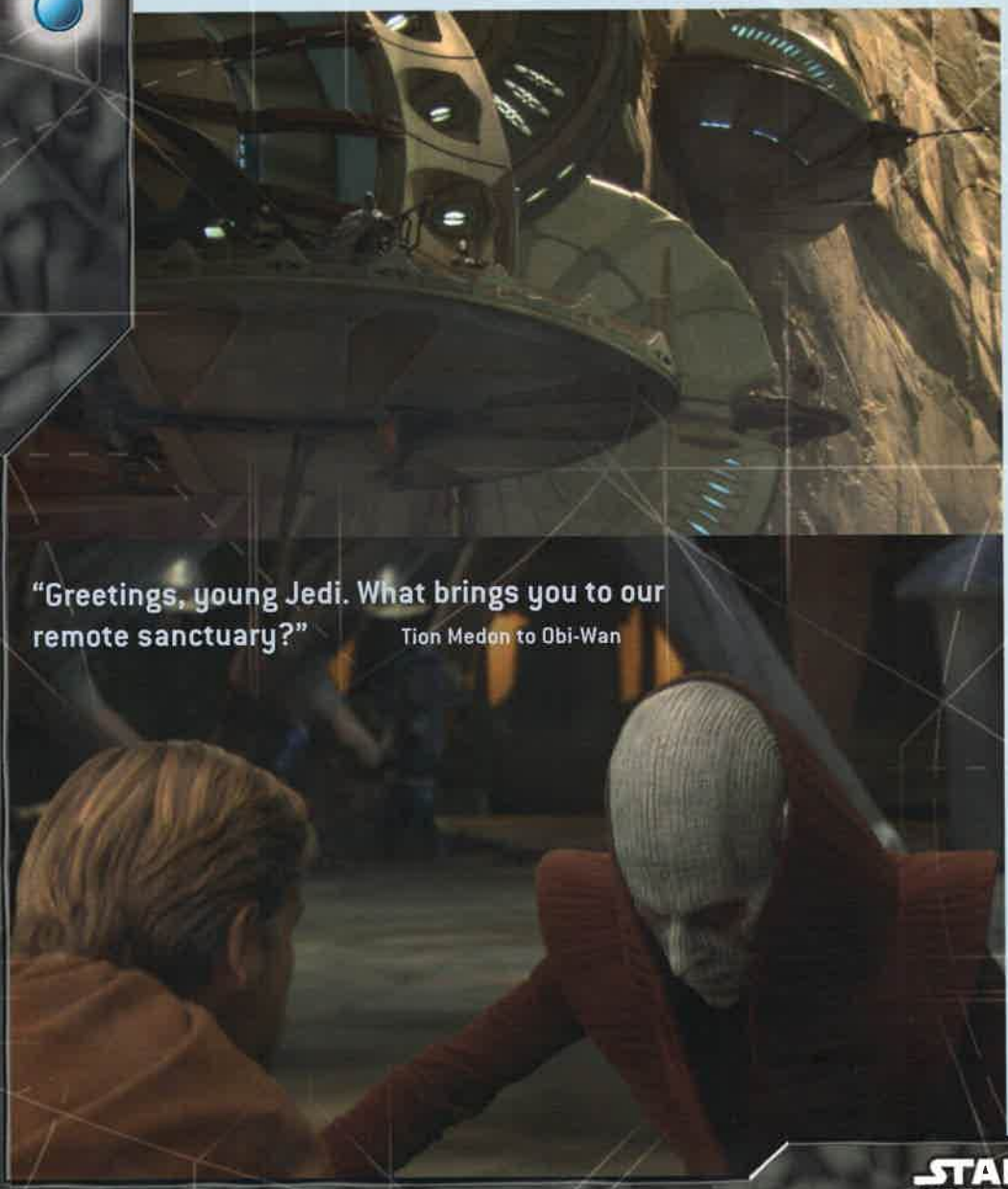
**In the Tarabba Sector of the Outer Rim Territories is the unremarkable Utapau system. The planet Utapau managed to remain largely unexploited and ignored by the greater galaxy throughout much of its history, only abruptly coming to prominence at the very end of the Clone Wars.**

Long ago on the planet of Utapau, two sentient species lived distictly separate lives. The tall, philosophical Pau'ans lived on the surface, while the stocky, tough Utai lived deep underground. Though there was little surface water, a vast underground sea existed beneath the surface of the planet. Then, slowly, the climate began to change and the winds grew stronger until raging hyperwind storms stripped away the topsoil. The surface water disappeared and huge sinkholes opened up all across the arid planet. The Pau'ans and Utai were thrown together as the surface-dwellers took shelter in isolated Utai cities built into the walls of the sinkholes.

### Symbiosis

In other instances in the galaxy, when two vastly differing cultures are forced together, war is inevitable. However, under visionary leadership from such as Tion Medon, the Pau'ans and the Utai quickly established a working relationship and both species thrived. Conflict was avoided entirely. Tion Medon and the Fey family are credited with uniting the two peoples and establishing planetary governance. The relatively short-lived Utai (a mere 80 to 100 years compared to the Pau'an average of 700) were happy to let the Pau'ans look after the administration of the cities. The more cerebral Pau'ans were happy to let the Utai do all the heavy lifting, the Utai having already tamed the flying reptilian


"Greetings, young Jedi. What brings you to our remote sanctuary?"
Tion Medon



"Greetings, young Jedi. What brings you to our remote sanctuary?" Tion Medon to Obi-Wan

## From Mustafar to Utapau

**The tall, gaunt Pau'ans were originally designed as the inhabitants of the volcanic world of Mustafar. As Episode III's story evolved, they were shipped wholesale to Utapau – their red robes and ash-coloured faces now in stark but agreeable contrast to their surroundings. The smaller Utai were created as lizard-wranglers for a scene with Obi-Wan that was later dropped!**

dactillions and the quadruped varactl, which were used as mounts by both species. The united Utapauans settled into a very satisfactory existence.

### Ossic Architecture

The Utapauan society gave rise to new forms of architecture, as the Pau'an influenced the Utai cities. The results included Ossic, the favoured style in Pau City, capital of Utapau. The Ossic style used bone or fossilised bone as timber was used on other worlds. Pau City's Mining Level was rich in dense, fossilised bone, used extensively in the city. One of the first gifts the Pau'ans brought to the alliance with the Utai was the ability to harness the Utapauan winds. Pau'an windmill technology reliably provided much of the sinkhole cities' electricity needs.

### Not Talking

While the Utai provided the manual labour force, the Pau'ans kept the planet's economy going, as well as running city and planetary governments. The cities were run by councils headed by the Master of Port Administration. In turn, the Utapauan Committee, made up of representatives of all the sinkhole cities, ran the planet. In fact, the cities largely managed their own affairs, maintaining an independence that, in the past, had seen cities fall out and stop talking – slightly childish perhaps, but better than war. The Utapauan Committee existed to prevent or mediate such disputes, and to manage the small Utapauan Security Force.

### Beyond Utapau

The Utapauans had little interest in joining the Republic. They had begun trading their planet's mineral wealth only a few decades before the rise of the Empire. During the Clone Wars, the Utapauans sought to remain neutral but General Grievous's coup saw the beginning of an unhappy period for Utapau. The planet was subjugated by the Empire, and their leaders sent to labour camps on Byss. After the Battle of Endor, Utapau quickly joined the New Republic to ensure that this painful chapter in their history was never repeated.

# NICK GILLARD

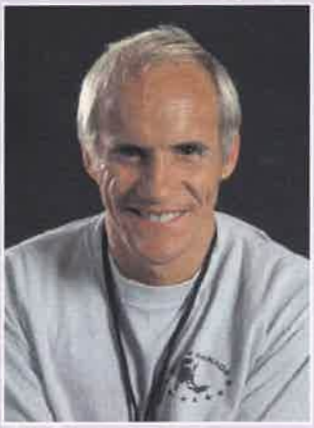
## NOT JUST A JEDI MASTER

**From Mark Hamill's chosen stunt double in Return of the Jedi, to stunt coordinator on the prequel trilogy, to Jedi Master on film and in a video game, Nick Gillard's work on the Star Wars films has been all-encompassing!**

In *Star Wars* Episode III: *Revenge of the Sith*, Yoda and Obi-Wan watch a hologram recording of Anakin Skywalker killing Jedi, one of which was the lightsaber instructor Cin Drallig. Reverse the letters, add a 'k' and you get the name of Nick Gillard – the Swordsmaster!

### Joining the Circus

At the age of twelve, Nick Gillard's career as a stuntman began 'accidentally', as he puts it, when he ran away from military school to join the circus. At 16, he was a world-class horse-trick rider with the renowned Moscow State Circus and his first film stunt work followed three years later in 1978 in *The Thief of Baghdad*, with his work since then including five James Bond films and doubling for Tom Cruise twice. He worked on *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Labyrinth*, *Willow*, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, various episodes of the *Young Indiana Jones Chronicles* and *Red Dwarf*. Most recently, he was stunt co-ordinator on the Angelina Jolie movie *Wanted*.



What makes Gillard so sought after in the industry is his approach to the job. "I hate stunts that look like stunts," he told the official *Star Wars* website in May 1998 and he brought this sensibility to the lightsaber fights in the prequel trilogy. "Every parry is deliberate. There is no pure cinema stuff, no meaningless flourishes. There are no moves that would leave the fighter open. In some cases the fights are going so fast that you can hardly see this, but if you slow it down, you can see every move is for real. Ewan (McGregor) and Liam (Neeson) got into this and they became as fast as our stunt guys. They were incredible."

When Hayden Christensen joined the cast as Anakin Skywalker, Gillard was full of praise. "He's fantastic," Gillard enthused. "He is a brilliant actor and he has brilliant balance. He has all the ability, he's just so good. Hayden and Ewan will both be doing all of their own stunts and swordfighting."

## Behind the scenes

**Famously modest about his achievements, Gillard held a number of unofficial stunt world records, including a two-minute full-fire burn without air on *Alien 3*, and a 200-foot power boat jump over two bridges in the film *Amsterdammed*.**

### Explosive Fighting

Of course, lightsaber fighting is far from straightforward. Speaking in April 1998, Gillard talked about the complexity of finding the correct materials to make the prop lightsabers from. "We had to really work to get the balance right. It had to be a practical sword for the fight scenes. It's a businesslike weapon."

Gillard and his team originally considered carbon fibre rods, but dismissed them because "you shatter one of those with a really good blow and you've got flying shards and sharp points. No good, too dangerous." Aluminium tubes were fine, but bits of shrapnel were showing up on film during the fights. Shrink-wrap around the blades did the job, but the survival rate of the props was low.

"We've gone through up to 20 of these a day in action," Gillard mused.

Still, you'll agree, the results were worth the sacrifice!

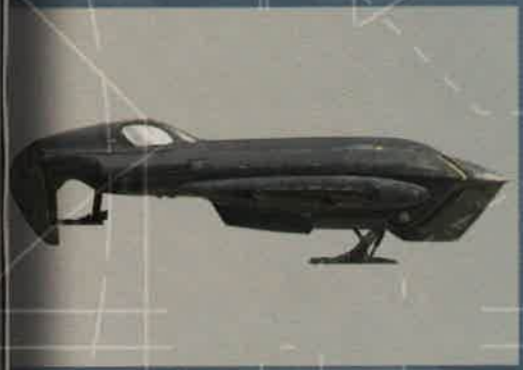
# SOULLESS ONE

## STEP-BY-STEP MODELLING

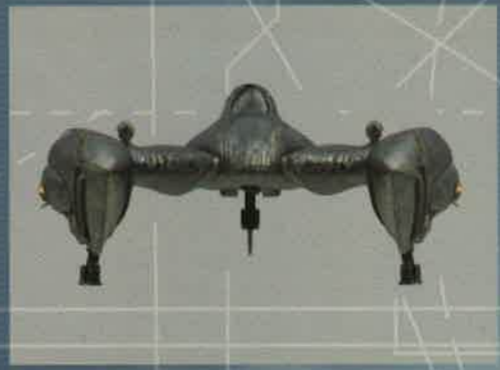
### CREATING SOULLESS ONE

1 Grievous' starfighter was one of a number of ships conceived by Ryan Church in April 2003.

2 A rejected design for the cockpit door. The final version had a sliding canopy. John Goodson took the approved Church drawings and built a concept model in the same month.



5 The right side of the computer-generated model of the *Soulless One* from October 2004.



6 Front view of the computer-generated model.

**Concept design co-supervisor Ryan Church developed the look for General Grievous' starship, incorporating the sleek and aggressive lines that are found in the look of Grievous himself.**

**3** The *Soulless One* was one of the few vessels to be built practically for principal photography. The cockpit was fully constructed, as was part of the outer fuselage for when Obi-Wan boards the ship.

**4** The brawl between Obi-Wan and General Grievous also made use of the full-sized section of the starfighter.

**7** Bottom view showing the underside of the starfighter.

**8** Pau City on Utapau was created as a highly detailed 1/2000-scale model which was then scanned in 3D at an incredibly high resolution.

# DID YOU KNOW?



**1** Obi-Wan Kenobi faces off against four MagnaGuards on Utapau. How does he destroy them?

**2** The Pau'ans were originally to be the denizens of which world?





**3** General Grievous has a nasty cough in Episode III. How did he get it?

**ANSWERS:**

**1.** Obi-Wan uses the Force to wrench heavy equipment from the ceiling and drop it on the droids, crushing them.

**2.** The Pau'ans were to be the inhabitants of volcanic Mustafar. They were moved after the original lemur-like people of Utapau were dropped.

**3.** During the kidnap of Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (seen in volume two of the Clone Wars cartoon series), Grievous has his chest crushed by Mace Windu as he escapes in his shuttle.

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## Gragra

Character
Episode I

A female gorgmonger, Gragra was a Swokes Swokes from the planet Makem Te in the Outer Rim Territories. Swokes Swokes were a relatively non-technologically advanced people, though their unique biology made them popular as mercenaries. Able to regenerate lost limbs and serious damage, they had few pain receptors in their bodies, so could soak up a lot of punishment. Their violent, status-obsessed culture was backward looking and guided by ancient, harsh and brutal traditions. Gragra bred and sold gorgs, or chubas, in Mos Espa. When she left, her gorg pens in the sewers of the town quickly overflowed, leading to a boom in the gorg population – something greatly appreciated by Mos Espa's homeless.

## Gran

Species
Episodes I, II, III, VI

Hailing from Kinyen in the Expansion Region, the Gran were easily recognisable from their three eye stalks and goat-like mouth. Able to see into the infrared spectrum, they could judge an individual's emotional state through changes in their body heat and skin colour. Generally vegetarian, they were a passive, sensitive species with a strong sense of companionship and belonging. They mated for life and were deeply devoted parents. It was rare for a Gran to survive the death of their mate. The most dreaded punishment for any Gran was banishment from their world.

## Greeata Jendowanian

Character
Episode VI

A dancer and musician, Greeata rejected her home planet's violent culture, throwing herself into the arts. She played Kloo horn in a band aboard the starliner the *Kuari Princess*, where she met and befriended Sy Snootles. She and Snootles joined a band founded by the Letaki musician Evar Orbus, and sang and danced with them for 15 years. When Orbus was killed on Tatooine, the group renamed itself The Max Rebo Band and spent years in virtual slavery at the court of Jabba the Hutt, eventually escaping during the battle above the Sarlacc pit. When the band split, Greeata found fame with The Palpatones.

## Guri

Droid
Expanded Universe

A unique, deadly human replica droid costing over nine million credits, Guri was the personal enforcer and bodyguard for Prince Xizor, leader of the Black Sun criminal syndicate. Despite her stunning good looks, for a human, she was lightning fast, incredibly tough and strong, and was almost untouchable in single combat. After Xizor's death, she had help from Luke Skywalker to turn her back on her violent past, erasing it from her memory and beginning a new life.

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